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ADOT Seeks Community Input for SR 264 Roadway Improvements from Kinlichee to Summit

KINLICHEE, ARIZ....Residents, business owners and other interested persons are invited to provide input regarding long-range planning and roadway alternatives to improve the State Route 264 (SR 264) corridor between the Kinlichee turnoff (Navajo Route 39) and the Defiance Plateau Summit (known as "the summit"). The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) invites members of the public to attend a public meeting on Monday, Oct. 15, at the Kinlichee Chapter House from 6 to 8 p.m. MDT. A presentation will start at 6:30 p.m., and a meal will be served to those who attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to get public input regarding roadway design concepts and improvement alternatives within a specific segment of SR 264, from milepost (MP) 452 to MP 466. The meeting is part of ADOT's feasibility study to develop a long-range plan for SR 264 that will look at providing operational improvements and increasing roadway capacity.

"Active public participation is essential in developing recommendations that meet the needs of the communities along the route," said Aszita Mansor, project manager for ADOT's Predesign Studies Section. "We hope the community will get involved in the planning efforts for this important Arizona and Navajo Nation roadway."

The meeting marks the first in what ADOT expects will be a series of three public information meetings. The project team will present alternatives for roadway improvements, collect public comments and answer any questions participants may have. ADOT will take public comments into consideration when developing alternatives. Ultimately, the project team will recommend a highway alternative that best balances traffic needs, safety, cost, environmental considerations and community interests.

To get to the Kinlichee Chapter House, take Navajo Route 39 (about five miles east of Ganado) and drive northeast from SR 264 for about a half mile. Turn left at the first paved road and follow for about a quarter mile to the Chapter House.

ADOT Holbrook District appreciates the public's interest and participation in the project. For more information, or to submit comments in writing, contact ADOT, c/o Jason Hurd at Intrinsic: by email, jason@intrinsicinfo.com; by mail, PO Box 3286, Flagstaff, AZ 86003; by fax, 928-522-6016; or by phone, 928-522-6015. Written comments must be received by November 15, 2007.